



LONDON THOUGHT LEADERS PROGRAM

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Location Kirkland & Ellis (International) LLP
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On-site | Closed-door sessions | Chatham House

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- 9.30–10.00 GMT **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**
- 10.00–10.15 GMT **CONVENERS' WELCOME REMARKS**
- *Steffen Hindelang*, Director CELIS Institute, Berlin
 - *Roland M Stein*, Director, CELIS Institute; Partner, Blomstein, Berlin.
- 10.15–12.15 GMT **INVESTMENT SCREENING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**
- *Kathryn Roe*, Deputy Director within the Investment Security Unit, Cabinet Office, United Kingdom
 - *Matthew Sinclair-Thomson*, Partner, Kirkland & Ellis International LLP
- 12.15–13.30 GMT **NETWORKING AND LUNCH BREAK**
- 13.30–15.00 GMT **INVESTMENT SCREENING IN IRELAND**
- *Anne Barrett*, Director Trade Regulation and Investment Screening, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Ireland
 - *Anne Bonet*, Senior Advison, CELIS Institute; former head of the Federal Investment Screening Council, Belgium.
- 15.00–15.30 GMT **NETWORKING AND REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 15.30–17.00 GMT **INVESTMENT SCREENING AND THE FINANCE INDUSTRY – COMPARATIVE APPROACHES**
- How do screening authorities assess security risks related when institutional investors are involved, and how can legal practitioners advise their clients in those instances?
 - How does investment screening and security considerations impact investor decisions and strategies on capital allocations?
 - *Robbert W. Meijering*, Strategic Autonomy and Economic Safety, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Netherlands
 - *NN*, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, London
 - *Elisa Steinhöfel*, Associate, Blomstein, Berlin
 - *NN*, Skadden, London
- 17.00–17.30 GMT **NETWORKING AND REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 17.30–18.30 GMT **NEW SCREENING REGULATION IN THE EU – WHAT TO EXPECT?**
- *Alexandra Koutoglidou*, Head of Unit –DG Trade and Economic Security, FDI Screening, outbound and anti-coercion

Thought Leaders Evening Program

- 18.30–19.00 GMT **TRANSPORT/WALK TO DINNER LOCATION**
- 19.00 GMT **THOUGHT LEADERS BANQUET**